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From: NEW YORK

To: MOSCOW

Nos.: 793,794

25 May 1945

[Part I] To VIKTOR[i].

While he was on a working visit [KOMANDIROVKA][a] to TYRE[TIR][ii] "BRONYa"[iii] met "ARSENIJ"[iv][C% who][1 group unrecovered] in a conversation about the fact that B.[v] had been intercepting letters originating in CARTHAGE[KARFAGEN][v], interesting in that they contain intelligence [C% information] from [1 group unrecovered]. In view of the fact that he said that letters were involved it is possible that

[47 groups unrecovered]

try to reconcile his help to us and feeling of patriotism for his own country.

[48 groups unrecoverable]

[D% their] factory began production of 25 mobile guns [USTANOVKI][b] intended for use against tanks.

[Part II]

~~From someone~~ Besides this there was developed by the Massachusetts *[handwritten signature]*

[19 groups unrecovered]

Oxygen Generating [c]

[4# groups unrecoverable]

[3# groups unrecovered]

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ANTON[vi]

Notes: [a] KOMANDIROVKA, literally "mission".  
[b] USTANOVKI, literally "mountings" but often extend to mean the mountings and the guns.  
[c] Given in the Latin alphabet.

## Comments:

- [i] VIKTOR: Lt. Gen. P.M. FITIN.
- [ii] TIR: New York City.
- [iii] BRONYa: i.e. "ARMOR," formerly "ShTAMP." A possible candidate who has been suggested for this cover-name is [redacted] an employee of the Bell Aircraft Corporation first at Buffalo, New York (1941-1943) and later at Burlington, Vermont (from 1944), from which latter place he frequently visited New York City in connection with his employment.
- [iv] ARSENIJ: Andrej Ivanovich SHEVCHENKO.
- [v] KARFAGEN: Washington, D.C.
- [vi] ANTON: Leonid Romanovich KVASNIKOV.

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